

## **Sermon-Based Curriculum “Money Struggles in a Healthy Marriage”**

### **DISCUSS**

1. What is the worst purchase you ever made? Why was it so bad?
2. When money was discussed in your home, was it happy, heated, or never discussed? How did your parents approach money? If you are married, how are your money backgrounds similar and how are they different?
3. On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being a saver and 10 being a spender, where would you rank yourself? If married, what is your spouse? How does this impact your relationship?
4. Which of the following money goals most applies to you: money is a scorecard; money is for status; money is for security. How can we unconsciously let these goals drive us? Read Matthew 6:25-34. How does Jesus’ teaching change our goals and perspective?
5. As you look at the 10 money principles from the message, which one stood out the most to you? Why? Which is most difficult for you to put into practice? Why?
6. Read Proverbs 29:18 and Proverbs 21:20. The writer points out that where people lack vision, they perish. There is no life. Likewise, without a plan we have no way to achieve the vision. Would you say that you have a vision for where you want to go with the money God has given you? Do you have a plan for getting there? What keeps you from putting both into practice? What would be a practical first step?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. Paul uses the analogy of a building to show that our lives can be about things that will have eternal value or they can be about things that will not last. The question is how we are using all the resources He has given us. Have you ever thought about what you give as part of an eternal investment portfolio? How would this perspective change the way you give? What areas of ministry or missions get you most passionate? How can you link your passion with your generosity?

### **PRAY**

As you go to prayer, take some time to recognize that everything is God’s. All that we own belongs to Him. Proclaim that to the Lord in prayer. Ask Him to help you steward well what He has given you. Ask Him to help you put into practice the money principle that you struggle with the most. If married, pray that God would strengthen your marriage as a couple in the area of money.